

What is Security Cooperation 2003?

The Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) will host its annual world-wide Security Cooperation conference, Security Cooperation 2003, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 28 and 29 October 2003, at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, Alexandria, Virginia. The theme of this year's conference is "Strengthening Alliances for the Future." The director of DSCA, Lt. Gen. Tome H. Walters Jr., USAF, invites you to join him in what should be a very informative and enlightening event.

This, the fourth annual DSCA world-wide conference, continues the series of innovative and informative meetings initiated at the beginning of the new Millennium. Past conferences' themes have included "Perspective is Everything" (2000), "Strength through Cooperation" (2001), and "Security Cooperation in a Post 9-11 World" (2002).

The focus of this year's conference will be on implementation of DoD Security Cooperation guidance, approved by Secretary Rumsfeld in April 2003. Our day and a half long program will include presentations by senior officials from inside and outside the U.S. Government. The agenda will also include policy briefings and panel discussions on key topics related to Security Cooperation. Several displays and demonstrations will be available for your information.

Who Should Attend?

We have structured this conference to offer something for just about everyone involved in Security Cooperation. Our speakers, panel session members and breakout presentations will cover a variety of topics. These include policy initiatives, current and planned business process and information technology enhancements and educational programs.

You should plan to attend if you are:

- *An international customer or potential customer using government to government agreements to obtain defense articles and services or you are involved in Humanitarian Assistance / Mine Action*
- *An industry representative who provides defense articles or services or Humanitarian Assistance / Mine Action to our international partners*
- *A U.S. Government civilian or military official involved in providing defense articles or services or Humanitarian Assistance / Mine Action to our international partners*
- *A media representative who covers the defense industry and/or security assistance issues*

How Can I Register?

You will be able to register for the conference online beginning on 2 September 2003. A link to the web address will be present on the DSCA website at that time. The registration fee for non-USG civilian and military personnel is \$150.00; there is no registration fee for USG civilian and military personnel. Rooms at the per diem rate are available at the Hilton Hotel as long as reservations are made by phone by 26 Sep 03. The Hilton's phone number is (703) 845-1010. To receive the \$150.00 per diem rate, please mention you will be attending the Defense Security Cooperation Agency conference. For information about the Hilton Hotel, you can visit their web site at www.alexandria.hilton.com. For additional information, please contact the DSCA Security Cooperation 2003 project officer, Mr. Fred Beauchamp, (703) 601-3852 (DSN 329-3852) e-mail: fred.beauchamp@dsca.mil.

What's Different This Year?

While many of the specific topics are new and exciting, we have also made several changes designed to make this conference even better than our past successful meetings. Among the added features this year:

- We changed the structure of the conference. The initial meeting day on Tuesday 28 October begins at 0900 and will be a full day session. We will, of course include a luncheon with an address by a senior DoD official. And we'll end the conference before lunch on Wednesday, 29 October so that those who need to plan homeward transportation arrangements have the full afternoon to do so.
- We've geared the program more to the practitioners of Security Cooperation and how we might use the tools at our disposal to strengthen our alliances and improve our business practices.
- We plan to have more displays and demonstrations. To give presenters more reliable technology access, additional space to make their presentations more accessible and to minimize the interference from each other, we have set aside specific rooms to accommodate them.
- We have added breakout presentations that will enable attendees to get into more detail on some of the current hot topics. These small group session opportunities will allow you to choose which topics you want to pursue and when you want to attend them. There will be three repetitions on each topic so that everyone has maximum opportunity to participate.

- We will also be shining the spotlight on some of the more diverse and wide-ranging components of Security Cooperation which will include an International Affairs Graduate Studies program; FMF Budget Process; Humanitarian Assistance / Mine Action; and the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS)